THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) It is planned to increase total Port capacity from 132.73 million tonnes as on 31-3-85 to 161.45 million tonnes at the end of the 7th Plan period.

(b) and (c) The Port capacity has already been increased from 12.70 million tonnes as on 31.3.85 to 16.70 million tonnes as planned for the 7th Plan period.

Fluorosis in the Capital

458. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that fluorosis has hit more than 5,000 people in the capital;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that fluorosis is caused either by excess of fluoride intake or by its deficiency;

(c) whether the Government are also aware that persons with diseased kidneys and other debilitating vital functions are highly susceptible to this disease; and

(d) if so, what preventive and curative steps Government are taking to rid the people in the capital from this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per studies conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, and others, Fluorosis has been found prevalent in some parts of the capital.

(b) Fluorosis occurs as a result of excessive intake of flouride.

(c) The main route of fluoride excretion is the kidney. In case of disorders of kidney the fluoride retention is likely to be affected.

(d) The problem of fluorisis is being solved by providing fluoride free water supply sources in affected areas.

Flights During Night Time

459. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the international flights land at Delhi Bombay during nights;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a ban on flying during nights in New York and Tokyo; and

(c) if so, the reasons for different rules and what are the regulation prescribed by the International Air Transport Association in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is night curfew at Tokyo (NARITA) airport only and no such restrictions at New York airport;

(c) International Civil Aviation organization (ICAO) has prescribed noise certification standards for different types of aircraft. Night restriction on aircraft operations is one of the measures to avoid the problem of aircraft noise in critical hours.

AIDS cases detected in the country

460. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that so far about 150 AIDS cases have been detected in India;

(b) if so, how many of these cases were nationals of this country and how many were foreigners; and

(c) what steps are the Government taking to detect and prevent potential AIDS carriers from entering this country and contributing to the spread of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) 15 cases of AIDS have been reported in India as far as per details as under:—

Indian Nationals	9
Non-resident Indian from U.S.A.	1
Foreigners	5

(c) Potential AIDS carriers entering India from outside are foreigners, Indians returning from abroad particularly after visiting those countries where AIDS is prevalent. They are considered to be the high risk group for AIDS. Government of India has taken several steps for screening these potential carriers for AIDS and prevent further spread of disease. The following steps are being taken by the Government:—

1. A Cell has been established in the Directorate General of Health Services to coordinate AIDS Control activity in the Country.

2. 35 Surveillance centres have been established in the country to screen high risk groups.

3. All these centres have been provided with diagnostic reagents and equipment package have also been provided to most of them.

4. Restrictions have been imposed for import of blood and blood products without AIDS clearance certificate.

5. All the State Health authorities| hospitals|STD clinics have been alerted to be vigilant.

6. All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors.

7. All the State Health authorities have been advised to ensure strict sterilisation practices in hospitals and clinics and to use pre-sterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible.

8. Guidelines have been sent to all the State Health authorities for health care personnel.

9. All the mass media channels have been involved in educating the people on AIDS, its nature, transmission and prevention.

10. *Foreigners:*

(i) Any new foreign students being admitted in any of the Indian Institutions are required to undergo AIDS test. Anybody found positive is repatriated back to his country.

(ii) It has been decided to screen for AIDS, the foreigners intending to stay for more than one year in India. Members of the diplomatic mission and foreign journalists will however be exempted from the AIDS test at this stage. Anybody found positive is to be repatriated back to his country.

Death due to AIDS

461. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in 'The Tribune' of the 27th October, 1987 under the caption 'Women AIDS patient dies' wherein it has been stated that a husband and wife have both died of AIDS during the span of two or three months;

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the matter, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to check this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) Yes, Government has seen the news item.